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EVENTS OF THE DAY

News Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

More earthquakes are predicted for Sicily.

Spanish troops have burned many Moorish villages.

A French aviator has established a new record in Germany.

A Boston bride weighs 210 pounds and stands 6 feet one high.

Six children were badly injured in a school fire at Jersey City, N. J.

Harvard university has a Chinese athlete who is looking for honors.

A San Francisco highwayman has been sentenced to 50 years in the penitentiary.

The twelfth annual convention of the American mining congress is in session at Goldfield, Nev.

Mayor Galvin, of Cincinnati, has established a "kicking day," when all complaints are to be heard by the city officials.

George F. Baer, of the Reading company, says there is no combine among the anthracite coal companies of Pennsylvania.

Three miners were buried by a cave-in in a Goldfield, Nev., mine.

The physicians attending Judge Williams are hopeful of his recovery.

A big fight is on in Missouri between the brewers and prohibitionists.

A French army dirigible balloon exploded in the air and four aviators were killed.

The Omaha streetcar company will make concessions to its men and a settlement is likely.

Disease is breaking out in the district denuded by the hurricane along the Louisiana coast and more deaths are expected.

Reports from Morocco say the tribesmen have inflicted a terrible defeat upon the Spanish, driving them back and killing 7,000.

An American company will be awarded the contract over a British concern for furnishing the machinery for constructing a small arms factory in Australia.

Hunger among the Moors has led to overtures for peace.

A Colorado man 78 years old is to remarry the wife he divorced 50 years ago.

More pirates are thought to have captured an American cutter and murdered the crew.

Police of Omaha are busy in their efforts to prevent riots in connection with the streetcar strike.

Several English suffragettes in jail in London have refused to eat and had to be fed with a stomach pump.

Eastern railroads established cheap excursion rates from the Middle West to the Atlantic this summer with good results.

Clarence H. Mackay says the report that the Postal Telegraph company is about to absorb the Western Union is unfounded.

The Wright brothers are to start a fight against several flying machines which they consider infringements on their patents.

The late Governor Johnson, of Minnesota left no will, but it was his wish that his wife should have all his property, worth about \$18,000.

General Solicitor Loomis, of the Union Pacific, with headquarters at Omaha, is to go to New York to become head of the legal department of the Harriman lines.

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The death loss in the Gulf storm is now placed at 100.

Peary says his indictment of Cook will contain 30 counts.

Religious riots at Castro, Spain, resulted in the death of a priest.

An Iowa grand jury has indicted 80 men for a conspiracy.

CLASHES WITH GOVERNMENT.

National Troops May Be Called To Settle Georgia Trouble.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 28.—Lawyers and judges of the state are intensely interested in the serious clash now on between the state and the Federal authorities in the case of Charles E. Steggall, in jail at Trenton, Ga., for contempt of court by order of Judge A. W. Fite, of the Dade county superior court. Steggall refused to testify before the grand jury in reference to an alleged distillery.

Over Steggall the bitterest legal fight in the history of the state has been precipitated, with both sides confident and standing pat.

Should the State court persist in its attitude of defiance to the mandate of the Federal court, the chances are that most interesting developments will come to pass this week, which will result in the arrest of several other officials. It is believed here that the Federal court will carry its point, even if obliged to make a direct appeal to the United States government to enforce its orders. Therefore, in the settlement of this dispute, national troops may have to be used.

The acute situation in Dade county arose over an effort to secure evidence in an alleged blind-tiger case. The people of Dade county, near Rising Fawn, have believed a distillery has been located in that neighborhood for some time, and that it has paid the government license to secure immunity from Federal raids. In order to get the necessary evidence, the grand jury summoned before that body Charles Steggall, storekeeper and government gauger. Steggall then communicated with the collector of internal revenue, H. A. Rucker, asking him what he should do in the matter.

Rucker wired him that under the government rules, he would have to keep quiet. This is the outcome of a government statute, under the revised laws, by which government employees are liable to loss of position, fine and imprisonment, if they divulge information secured in their official capacity.

Steggall promptly informed the grand jury that he could not answer the questions put to him, and gave the government rules as his reason. His refusal brought the matter to the attention of Judge Fite, who ordered him to answer. Three times he was sent for, and three times refused to answer, and then he was sent to jail.

He made appeal to the Federal authorities in Atlanta for protection. As the government cannot afford to allow its employees to be kept in prison for obedience to government rules, the Federal officials determined to stand by Steggall.

Before they could take action, however, Judge Fite held that Rucker had interfered with the conduct of his court by ordering Steggall not to speak, and so he sent Sheriff Thurman, of Dade, to Atlanta, to serve summons on Rucker to appear in his court.

CANADA WANTS ASIATICS.

Railroad Contractors Facing Serious Labor Famine.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 28.—The Canadian railways are face to face with a labor famine, and unless a plan can be devised whereby Asiatic labor may be imported for construction work, much of their railroad building will have to be abandoned. This is the opinion expressed by Collingwood Schriber, consulting engineer of the department of railways.

On the Western prairies the demand for farm laborers has temporarily demoralized the railway construction gangs, the Grand Trunk Pacific road being especially hard hit. This road has been able to retain only a small percentage of its laborers employed on construction work, the farmers in that section having offered as high as \$4 a day for men while the railroad company pays but \$3.

In the next two years, four new contracts are to be let for construction work, and 25,000 men will be needed. Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, president of the Grand Trunk system, has been here consulting Sir Wilfred Laurier upon a proposal to employ Asiatic labor in building new lines. It is proposed to bring the Asiatics to Canada and return them to their native countries after the work has been completed.

Few Changes in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Sept. 28.—Few changes are liable to be made immediately in the administration of the affairs of the state of Minnesota. Governor Eberstadt says he will continue to carry on as far as possible the policies of the late Governor Johnson. Many of the Democratic governor's appointees were Republicans, and they may hold over. Some of the Johnson men have said that they would resign. So far, however, no resignations have been received.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

WILD FRUIT GOOD.

Old Orchards in Coast Range Without Care Give Fine Results.

Cottage Grove—Lincoln Taylor, who recently returned from an outing in the coast mountains, says he found a great many vacated homes throughout the section visited by him and the orchards, planted years ago by the homesteaders, have gone wild and the fruit is to be found in great abundance. Bears, coons and other fruit eating animals have infested the orchards in many places and the limbs have been badly broken, but that has not affected the bearing quality of the trees.

Mr. Taylor says there is rarely a case of scale or other disease to be found on any of the trees, and the condition is not in evidence. This is splendid evidence in favor of the entire coast range as fruit producing sections. Henry H. Veatch too, while on a hunting trip on Cedar creek, about eight miles from Cottage Grove, came upon a splendid orchard that had been entirely taken by the fir timber. He brought out fair samples of the apples, which surpass anything to be found on the lower levels in size, color and aromatic excellence. The fruit resembles the Gravenstein quite strongly, but is more highly colored and measures more than 10 inches in circumference.

On the William Landess ranch, just east of town, there is a fine Crawford peach orchard in the fir timber which is heavily laden with beautiful fruit.

BIG ORCHARDS PLANTED.

Benton County Farmers Going in for Apple Culture.

Corvallis—The Western Oregon Fruit company, of which Judge Borth and J. W. Polk, of Grants Pass, are the principal stockholders, will begin planting 1,000 acres to apples and pears October 1. This company has purchased 1,700 acres near Monroe, Benton county, comes into possession October 1 and expects to plant fully 1,000 acres this fall.

The Oregon Apple company will also begin planting at the earliest date possible. This company owns 800 acres south of Corvallis and has ordered trees to plant 600 acres to apples and pears at once. This company owns some of the sightliest land in Benton county.

The Willamette Orchard company, which recently purchased the famous Samuel Wyatt farm, two miles west of Corvallis, is preparing to plant 125 acres this fall.

Mayor Virgil E. Wattes, who put 40 acres of the Pleasant View fruit farm to apples this spring, will add 20 acres this fall.

There have been many small acreages set to fruit this year and it is expected that fully 2,000 acres of new orchard will be set out in Benton county by January 1.

Work on Branch to Begin.

Albany—J. B. Eddy, right of way agent of the Southern Pacific, states that work will begin on the Lebanon-Crabtree branch next week. He was in Albany en route to Portland from Lebanon where he has completed securing rights of way for this branch. It will be eight miles long and connect the north and south ends of the Woodburn-Springfield line, not now operated because of the wrecked bridge across the South Santiam.

Albany Needs More Houses.

Albany—The Albany Commercial club has invited all the people of Albany to an open meeting to be held in the rooms of the Commercial club to consider a number of questions which have been under discussion in the executive board of the club. One purpose of the meeting is to arouse the interest of local capitalists in the erection of flats for renting purposes, as the demand for houses for rent has far exceeded the supply for the past year.

Potatoes Success as Fall Crop.

Weston—The Weston mountain country is demonstrating its fertility by extra good crops this year. Ground used last year for potatoes is proving especially productive, showing that the tubers are a good summer fallow. Albert Gould had 84 bushels of barley per acre from 20 acres of "potato ground," and from five acres of similar ground J. E. Walden had the remarkable average of 116 bushels of oats.

Hophouse and Crop Burns.

Woodburn—The Kendall hophouse, east of Woodburn, burned last week together with 14,000 pounds of this year's hops, which had been contracted at 9 cents. The building was owned by Frank Kendall and rented by Lee Kendall. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building and contents were insured in the Hopgrowers' Fire insurance company.

Cove Fruit Goes East.

Cove—Stackland Bros., probably the largest fruitraisers in the Grand onde valley, are shipping mixed fruits to the Eastern markets. Plums, pears, crabapples and apples are in season and a full crew is at work in the orchard. Two cars were shipped at week and two more have been rewarded this week.

Imports Fine Chickens.

Milton—B. F. Williams has received 100 thoroughbred young chickens of the Plymouth Rock variety from St. Louis. Mr. Williams will send some of his poultry to the A.-Y.-P. show at Seattle.

ROGUE VALLEY LAND SOLD.

Eastern Capitalists Invest in Large Fruit Tract.

Roseburg—Three large realty deals were consummated in Roseburg last week. The first was the Henry Ridenour farm, six miles west of this city, comprising 314 acres, which was sold to John Busenbark, of Kansas, for \$40,000. The second was 100 acres at Dixonville, to C. J. Stoven, of Virginia, the consideration not being made public. The third was what is known as the old Booth place, in Garden valley, and comprises 320 acres, the consideration being \$25,000.

The buyers are the Overland Fruit & Development company, of Boston, Mass. The purchase by the Boston company was made by its treasurer and general manager, Charles A. Brand. The company will set the entire tract out in apples and pears and will conduct the orchard themselves. Mr. Brand decided upon the purchase after inspection of the fruit lands of Washington and Hood River, being satisfied that his present location is the best for the varieties of fruit the company intends to raise.

Coos Has Another Line.

Marshfield—The Coos Bay Electric Railway company has just been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000. The incorporators are James H. Flanagan, W. S. Chandler and F. C. McCollom. Those connected with the movement say their plans are not sufficiently developed to make any statement of the purpose of the company. Mr. Flanagan is a local banker and Mr. Chandler is a San Francisco interested extensively in Coos bay.

Send Display East.

Hood River—Hood River is preparing a display of fruit at the National Irrigation congress to be held in Chicago in November. The Hood River Apple Growers' union expects to send a car of the finest apples to the great show. Thomas Persons is in Hood River taking scenes of the apple industry with a moving picture camera. These will be used in connection with the display of fruit.

Will Irrigate Orchard Land.

Cottage Grove—S. T. Nelson has sold his 375-acre farm to John Spray for \$16,000 cash. Mr. Spray proposes to place the ranch under irrigation. The land will be worth from \$100 to \$200 an acre as soon as water is on it, and the increase is large, as the orchards increase in size. There are 275 acres which can be irrigated, all of which is bottom land.

Will Represent Oregon.

Salem—Delegates to the annual convention of the Mississippi to the Atlantic Inland Waterways association to be held at Jacksonville, Fla., November 17 and 18, have been announced by the governor as follows: E. W. Spencer, of Portland; John Fox, of Astoria; W. J. Mariner, of Blalocks; J. T. Peters, of The Dalles, and O. B. Hinsdale, of Gardiner.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat—Bluestem, 96c; club, 98c; red Russian, 86½c; valley, 91c; Fife, 89c; Turkey red, 89c; fortyfold, 91c. Barley—Feed, \$25.50@26; brewing, \$26.50@27 per ton.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27@27.50 per ton. Hay—Timothy, Willamette valley, \$16@16 per ton; Eastern Oregon, \$18@19; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$14; cheat, \$13@14.50; grain hay, \$15@16.

Butter—City creamery, extras, 36; fancy outside creamery, 33@36c; store, 22½c. Butter fat prices average 1½c per pound under regular butter prices. Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, 32@32½c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15@16c; springs, 15½@16c; roosters, 9@10c; ducks, young, 15@16c; geese, young, 10@11c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, \$1.75@2 per dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 9@9½c per pound. Veal—Extra, 10@10½c per pound. Fruits—Apples, \$1.25@1.75 per box; pears, 75¢@1.50; peaches, \$1@1.25 per crate; cantaloupes, 50¢@1.25; plums, 25¢@50¢ per box; watermelons, 1c per pound; grapes, 85¢@1.25 per crate; 25¢@50¢ per basket; casabas, \$1.50@1.75; quinces, \$1@1.75 per box; huckleberries, 10¢ per pound.

Potatoes—60@70¢ per sack; sweet potatoes, 2¢ per pound. Onions—\$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@5¢ per pound; cabbage, 1@1½c; cauliflower, 50¢@1 per dozen; celery, 50¢@75¢; corn, 15¢ per dozen; cucumbers, 10¢@25¢; peas, 7¢ per pound; peppers, 4¢@5¢; pumpkins, ¾¢@1c; squash, 5¢; tomatoes, 50¢@60¢ per box.

Hops—1909 crop, 22@23c offered; 1908 crop, 17c; 1907 crop, 12c; 1906 crop, 8c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16@23c per pound; valley, 22@24c; mohair, choice, 24c.

Cattle—Steers, top quality, \$4.25@4.50; fair to good, \$4; common, \$3.50@3.75; cows, top, \$3.50; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common to medium, \$2.50@2.75; calves, top, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$2@2.25; stags, \$2.50@3.50.

Hogs—Best, \$8; fair to good, \$7.75@7.85; stockers, \$6@7; China fats, \$7.50@8.

Sheep—Top wethers, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; ewes, ½ cent less on all grades; yearlings, best, \$4@4.25; fair to good, \$3.50@3.75; spring lambs, \$5.25@5.50.

THE CENSUS POSITIONS.

Appointment Clerk Pindell Explains Method of Application.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Appointment Clerk Pindell, of the U. S. Census bureau, states on the subject of the census examination, October 23d, that the distinction between the permanent census force and the additional temporary employees provided by the Thirteenth Census act is quite important and should be remembered. As vacancies occur on the permanent census they will be filled, as heretofore, by transfers from elsewhere in the service, or by selections from the existing registers of the civil service commission.

Persons now on the registers of the commission are, therefore, eligible for appointment to vacancies on the permanent census roll, but there is no greater opportunity during the decennial period for such appointments than there has been heretofore. The additional temporary positions, authorized by the Thirteenth Census act, except those above \$1,200 per annum which will be filled largely by transfers from the permanent census roll, will be given to those persons who pass the test examination on October 23rd. Those now on the registers of the civil service commission, who desire appointment to these additional census places, should take the test examination at their present eligibility avails them nothing in respect to appointments to these positions. The fact that a person is on the civil service register does not prevent him from taking this test examination.

Blank application forms and the circular of instructions were ready for distribution by September 10th. As soon as the applicant completes his application in every respect, it should be addressed and forwarded to the U. S. Civil Service commission, Washington, D. C., and not to the census bureau. Care should be taken that the envelope containing the application is properly addressed and sufficient postage stamps are affixed. If the application is satisfactory a card will be mailed the applicant and it will admit him to the examination. An application must be filed in sufficient time to arrange for the examination at the place selected. No request will be granted for an examination otherwise than as scheduled for the cities and states on October 23rd.

TAFT STARTS WATER.

Opens Gates to Famous Gunnison Tunnel in Colorado.

Montrose, Colo., Sept. 24.—President Taft spent yesterday on the western slope of the Rocky mountains amid a succession of magnificent scenes. In many respects his day was one of the most interesting he has had since leaving Boston.

Late in the afternoon Mr. Taft stood on the brink of the deepest irrigation ditch in the West and far out in the foothill of the mountains, with not a settlement in sight, made the electrical connection that started a flow of water through the Gunnison tunnel that will reclaim 140,000 acres of arid land. The greatest irrigation project the United States government ever has undertaken was thus put in operation and the opening was the occasion of a joyous celebration throughout the valley of the Uncompahgre.

During his travels yesterday the President had ample opportunity to study the effect of irrigation. For a long time his train ran through stretches of country where as far as the eye could reach the only vegetation in sight consisted of a few greasewood bushes or sagebrush. The out of a rocky canyon the train would suddenly come upon a veritable oasis, where fields of alfalfa and miles of orchards told of the miracle wrought by the touch of water.

The tunnel has been hewn through six miles of a mountain range and when the project is completed next spring it will divert the waters of the Gunnison river, now flowing to the Gulf of California, to the valley on this side of the mountains, where minor private projects of irrigation already have told the wonders of the soil.

Big Timber Deal.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 24.—A large timber deal whereby A. B. Kurts, of New York, president of the American Financial Securities company, acquires 54,000 acres of timber land in the Cowichan lake country, was practically consummated today. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000, and the new owners are to spend \$500,000 more in the development of the property by the erection of a sawmill and the laying of spur tracks. The Canadian Pacific railroad will build a branch line to tidewater.

Reyes Goes to Europe.

Monterey, Mexico, Sept. 27.—Following the resignation of General Bernardo Reyes from the presidency of the local casino, it is rumored here that General Reyes is preparing to leave Mexico and to take up his residence in Europe. Much color is lent to the reports due to the fact that the home of General Reyes, valued at \$90,000, is for sale. It is not believed that Reyes has intentions of leaving Mexico until after the elections.

Frederick Grant for President.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—Major General Frederick Dent Grant, son of the famous leader of the Union forces during the Civil war, is being boomed as the presidential candidate of the Prohibition party in 1912, by members of the organization who are assembling in this city to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the birth of the party.

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